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Sir:

In complete response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence disclosures dated not yet received, enclosed please find:

- [X] A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.823(b) and 1.824.
- [X] A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.823(a), please delete pages 16-32 of the specification and insert therefor the attached paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" between page 15 of the Disclosure and the first page of the Claims to replace the Sequence Listing identified thereon.

REMARKS

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing for the subject application, is by this amendment added between page 15 of the Specification and the first page of the Claims to replace the Sequence Listing identified thereon. Please amend the page numbers accordingly.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 47-61:

- \sim 47. Neurotrypsins of the formulas I and II
 - I: neurotrypsin of the human
 - II: neurotrypsin of the mouse
- 48. Neurotrypsin according to claim 47, characterized in that the compounds of the formulas I and II comprise the

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separate, coding nucleotide sequences and the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II.

- 49. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the production of recombinant proteins.
- 50. Use of proteins with the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the inhibition or the enhancement of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the formulas I or II.
- 51. Use of the species-homologous proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the inhibition or the enhancement of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the formulas I or II.
- 52. Use of the proteins with the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the

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spatial structure determination, for example the spatial structure determination by means of crystallography or nuclear resonance spectroscopy.

- 53. Use of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the prediction of the protein structure by means of computerized protein structure prediction methods.
- 54. Use of the spatial structure of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the inhibition or the enhancement of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II.
- 55. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II in gene therapeutical applications in humans and in animals, as for example as parts of gene therapy vectors as for example as parts of artificial chromosomes.

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- 56. Use the compounds of the formulas I or II for so-called cell engineering applications for the production of gene technologically mutated cells, which produce the coded sequences.
- 57. Use of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as antigens for the production of antibodies, as for example antibodies that inhibit or promote the protease function or antibodies that can be used for immunohistochemical studies.
- 58. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the production of transgenic animals, as for example transgenic mice.
- 59. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the inactivation or the mutation of the corresponding gene by means of gene targeting techniques, as for example the elimination of the gene in the mouse through homologous recombination.

- 60. Use of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the diagnostics of disorders in the gene corresponding to the compound of the formula I.
- 61. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as a starting sequence for gene technological modifications aimed at the production of pharmaceutical compositions or gene therapy vectors which exhibit changed properties as compared with the corresponding pharmaceutical compositions or gene therapy vectors containing the coding nucleotide sequence of the compounds of formulas I or II, for example changed proteolytic activity, changed proteolytic specificity, or changed pharmacokinetic characteristics.--

REMARKS

Support for the new claims can be found, at least, in original claims 1-46.

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Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

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<u>Neurotrypsin</u>

Technical Field

The present invention is directed to neurotrypsins and to a pharmaceutical composition which contains these substances or has an influence on these substances.

Disclosure of Invention

Neurotrypsin is a newly discovered serine protease, which is predominantly expressed in the brain and in the lungs; the expression in the brain takes place nearly exclusively in the neurons.

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Neurotrypsin has a previously not yet found domain composition: besides the protease domain, there are found 3 or 4 SRCR (scavenger receptor cysteine-rich) domains and one Kringle domain. It is to be pointed out that the combination of Kringle and SRCR domains have not yet been found in proteins. At the amino terminus of the neurotrypsin protein there is a segment of more than 60 amino acids, which has an extremely high proportion of proline and basic amino acids (arginine and histidine).

The invention is characterized by the characteristics in the independent claims. Preferred embodiments are defined in the dependent claims.

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The newly found neurotrypsins

- neurotrypsin of the human (compound of the formula I).
- neurotrypsin of the mouse (compound of the formula II)
- 30 differ structurally very much from the so far known serine proteases.

The serine protease whose protease domain is structurally most closely related with the protease domain of the new compounds, namely plasmin (of the human), has only a 44 % amino acid sequence identity.

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The proline-rich, basic segment at the amino terminus has a certain resemblance with the basic segments of the netrins and the semaphorins/collapsins. Due to this

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segment, it is probable that neurotrypsin may be enriched by means of heparin-affinity chromatography.

The neurotrypsins of the human (compound of the formula I) and of the mouse (compound of the formula II) exhibit a very high structural similarity among each other.

The identity of the amino acid sequences of the native proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II amounts to 81%.

The neurotrypsin of the human (compound of the formula I) has a coding sequence of 2625 nucleotides. The coded peptide of the compound of the formula I has a length of 875 amino acids and contains a signal peptide of 20 amino acids. The neurotrypsin of the mouse (compound of the formula II) has a coding sequence of 2283 nucleotides. The coded protein of the compound of the formula II has a length of 761 amino acids and contains a signal peptide of 21 amino acids. The reason for the greater length of the neurotrypsin of the human consists therein that the human neurotrypsin has 4 SRCR domains, whereas the neurotrypsin of the mouse has only 3 SRCR domains.

The domains which are present in both compounds (compound of the formula I and compound of the formula II) have a high degree of sequence similarity. The corresponding SRCR domains of the compounds of the formulas I and II have an amino acid sequence identity from 81% to 91%. The corresponding Kringle domains have an amino acid sequence identity of 75%. A high degree of similarity consists also in the enzymatically active (i.e. proteolytic) domain (90% amino acid sequence identity).

The protease domains of the neurotrypsins of the human (compound of the formula I) and of the mouse (compound of the formula II) are aligned in the following section, in order to illustrate the high degree of sequence identity.

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CGLRLLHRRQKRIIGGKNSLRGGWPWQVSLRLKSSHGDGRLLCGATLLSS	5 0
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RPDRSDYDIALVRLQGPEEQCARFSSHVLPACLPLWRERPQKTASNCYIT	150
GWGDTGRAYSRTLQQAAIPLLPKRFCEERYKGRFTGRMLCAGNLHEHKRV	200
DSCQGDSGGPLMCERPGESWVVYGVTSWGYGCGVKDSPGVYTKVSAFVPW	250
IKSVTKL . IKSVTSL	258

From the 258 amino acid sequence positions included in the comparison there are 233 amino acids that are identical in both compounds (upper sequence: compound of the formula I; lower sequence: compound of the formula II; identical amino acids are indicated by vertical lines).

The inventive neurotrypsins are unique when compared with the known serine proteases in that they are expressed according to currently available observations in a distinct degree in neurons. A further organ with a strong expression of neurotrypsin are the lungs (see Gschwend et al., Mol. Cell. Neurosci. 9, pages 207-219, 1997).

The proteins that are structurally most similar to the compounds of the formulas I or II are serine proteases, such as tissue-type plasminogen activator (tPA), urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA), plasmin, trypsin, apolipoprotein (a), coagulation factor XI, neuropsin, and acrosin.

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In the adult brain, the inventive compounds are expressed predomiantly in the cerebral cortex, the hippocampus, and the amygdala.

In the adult brain stem and the spinal cord, the inventive compounds are expressed predominantly in the motor neurons. A slightly weaker expression is found in the neurons of the superficial layers of the dorsal horn of the spinal cord.

In the adult peripheral nervous system, the inventive compounds are expressed in a subpopulation of the sensory ganglia neurons.

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The inventive compounds were found in connection with a study aimed at discovering trypsin-like serine proteases in the nervous system.

The first compound that was found and characterized was the compound of the formula II (Gschwend et al., Mol. Cell. Neurosci. 9, pages 207-219, 1997).

By means of an alignment of the protease domains of 7 known serine proteases (tissue-type plasminogen activator, urokinase-type plasminogen activator, thrombin, plasmin, trypsin, chymotrypsin, and pancreatic elastase) in the proximity of the histidine and the serine of the catalytic triade of the active site, the sequences of the so-called primer oligonucleotides for the polymerase chain reaction were determined.

The primer oligonucleotides were used in a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) together with ss-cDNA from total RNA of the brains of 10 days old mice and resulted in the amplification of a cDNA fragment of a length of approximately 500 base pairs.

This cDNA fragment was used successfully for the isolation of further cDNA fragments by screening commercially available cDNA libraries. Together, the isolated cDNA fragments covered the full length of the coding part of the compound of the formula II.

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By conventional DNA sequencing the complete nucleotide sequence and the amino acid sequence deduced therefrom was obtained.

The compound of the formula I was cloned based on its pronounced similarity with the compound of the formula II.

The primer oligonucleotides used were synthesized according to the known sequence of the compound of the formula II.

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The cloning of the compound of the formula I was performed by means of two commercially available cDNA libraries from fetal human brain.

This procedure for the cloning can also be used for the isolation of the homologous compounds of other species, such as rat, rabbit, guinea pig, cow, sheep, pig, primates, birds, zebra fish (Brachydanio rerio), Drosophila melanogaster, Caenorhabditis elegans etc.

The coding nucleotide sequences can be used for the production of proteins with the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II. A procedure developed in our laboratory allows the production of recombinant proteins in myeloma cells as fusion proteins with an immunoglobulin domain (constant domain of the kappa light chain). The principle of the construction is given in detail by Rader et al. (Rader et al., Eur. J. Biochem. 215, pages 133-141, 1993). The fusion protein produced by the myeloma cells was isolated by immunoaffinity chromatography using a monoclonal antibody against the Ig domain of the kappa light chain. With the same expression method, also the native protein of a compound, starting from the coding sequence, can be produced.

The coding sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II can be used as starting compounds for the discovery and the isolation of alleles of the compounds of the formulas I or II. Both the polymerase chain reaction and the nucleic acid hybridization can be used for this purpose.

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The coding sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II can be used as starting compounds for so-called "site-directed mutagenesis", in order to generate nucleotide sequences coding the coded proteins that are defined by the compounds of the formulas I or II, or parts thereof, but whose nucleotide sequence is degenerated with respect to the compounds of the formulas I or II due to use of alternative codons.

The coding sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II can be used as starting compounds for the production of sequence variants by means of so-called site-directed mutagenesis.

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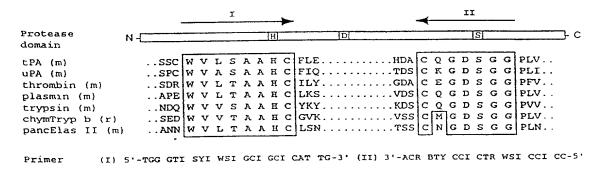
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Best Modes for Carrying out the Invention (Examples)

cDNA cloning of the compound of the formula II (neurotrypsin of the mouse)

Total RNA was isolated from the brains of 10 days old mice (ICR-ZUR) according to the method of Chomczynski and Sacchi (1987). The production of single stranded cDNA was carried out using oligo(dT) primer and a RNA-dependent DNA polymerase (SuperScript RNase H'-Reverse Transcriptase; Gibco BRL, Gaithersburg, MD) according to the instruction of the supplier. For the realization of the polymerase chain reaction one forward primer was synthesized based on the amino acid sequence of the region of the conserved histidine of the catalytic triade and one primer in the backward direction was synthesized based on the amino acid sequence of the region of the conserved serine of the catalytic triade of the serine proteases. The amino acid sequences used for the determination of the oligonucleotide primers were taken from seven known serine proteases. They are presented in the following.



The protease domains of 7 known serine proteases (tissue-type plasminogen activator, urokinase-type plasminogen activator, thrombin, plasmin, trypsin, chymotrypsin, and pancreatic elastase) were aligned in the region of the conserved histidine and serine of the catalytic triade of the active site. The conserved amino acids of these regions were taken as the basis for the determination of the degenerated primers. The primer sequences are given according to the recommendation of the IUB nomenclature (Nomenclature Committee 1985).

The primers used in the PCR contained restriction sites for *Eco*RI and *Bam*HI at their 5' ends in order to facilitate a subsequent cloning.

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The following primers were used:

In the reading direction (sense primers):

5'-GGGGAATTCTGGGTI(C/G)(T/C)I(T/A)(G/C)IGCIGCICA(T/C)TG-3'

In the counter direction (antisense primers):

5'-GGGGGATCCCCICCI(G/C)(A/T)(A/G)TCICC(C/T)T(G/C/T)(G/A)CA-3'.

The polymerase chain reaction was carried out under standard conditions using the DNA polymerase AmpliTaq (Perkin Elmer) according to the recommendations of the producer. The following PCR profile was employed: 93°C for 3 minutes, followed by 35 cycles of 93°C for 1 minute, 48°C for 2 minutes, and 72°C for 2 minutes. Following the last cycle, the incubation was continued at 72°C for further 10 minutes.

The amplified fragments had an approximate length of 500 base pairs. They were cut with *Eco*RI and *Bam*HI and inserted in a Blue Script vector (Bluescript SK(-), Stratagene). The resulting clones were analyzed by DNA sequence determination using the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77, pages 2163-2167, 1977) on an automated DNA sequencer (LI-COR, model 4000L; Lincoln, NE) using a commercial sequencing kit (SequiTerm long-read cycle sequencing kit-LC; Epicentre Technologies, Madison, WI). The analysis yielded a sequence of 474 base pairs of the catalytic region of the serine protease domain of the compound of the formula II.

The 474 base pair long PCR fragment was used for screening of an oligo(dT)-primed Uni-ZAP-XR cDNA library from the brain of 20 days old mice (Stratagene; cat. no. 937 319). At total of 3 x 10⁶ lambda plaques were screened under high stringent conditions (Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989) using a radioactively labeled PCR fragment as a probe and 24 positive clones were found.

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From the positive Lambda-Uni-ZAP-XR phagemid clones the corresponding Bluescript plasmid was cut out by *in vivo* excision according to a standard method recommended by the producer (Stratagene). In order to determine the length of the inserted fragments the corresponding Bluescript plasmid clones were digested with *Sacl* and *Kpnl*. The clones containing the longest fragments were analyzed by DNA

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sequencing (as described above) and for subsequent data analysis the GCG software (version 8.1, Unix; Silicon Graphics, Inc.) was used.

Because none of the clones contained the coding sequence in full length, a second cDNA library was screened. The library used in this screen was an oligo(dT)- and random-primed cDNA library in a Lambda phage (Lambda gt10) which was based on mRNA from 15 days old mouse embryos (oligo(dT)- and random-primed Lambda gt10 cDNA library; Clontech, Palo Alto, CA; cat. no. ML 3002a). As a probe a radioactively labeled DNA fragment (Aval/Aatll) from the 5' end of the longest clone of the first screen was used and approximately 2x10⁶ plaques were screened. This screen resulted in 14 positive clones. The cDNA fragments were excised with *Eco*RI and cloned into the Bluecript vector (KS(+); Stratagene). The sequence analysis was carried out as described above.

In this way the nucleotide sequence over the full length cDNA of 2361 and 2376 base pairs, respectively, of the compound of the formula II was obtained. With the described procedure of PCR cloning it is possible to find and isolate also variant forms of the compounds of the formulas I or II, as for example their alleles or their splice variants. The described method of screening of a cDNA library allows also the detection and the isolation of compounds which hybridize under stringent conditions with the coding sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II.

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Cloning of the cDNA of the compound of the formula I (neurotrypsin of the human)

The cloning of the cDNA of the compound of the formula I was carried out basing on the nucleotide sequence of the compound of the formula II. As a first step, a fragment of the compound of the formula I was amplified using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). As a matrix we used the DNA obtained from a cDNA library from the brain of a human fetus (17th - 18th week of pregnancy) which is commercially available (Oligo(dT)-and random-primed, human fetal brain cDNA library in the Lambda ZAP II vector, cat. no. 936206, Stratagene). The synthetic PCR primers contained restriction sites for *Hind*III and *Xho*I at the 5' end in order to facilitate the subsequent cloning.

In the reading direction (sense primers):

5'-GGGAAGCTTGGICA(A/G)TGGGGIACI(A/G)TITG(C/T)GA(C/T)-3' In the counter direction (antisense primers):

5'-GGGCTCGAGCCCCAICCTGTTATGTAAIAGTTG-3'

The PCR was carried out under standard conditions using the DNA polymerase Amplitaq (Perkin Elmer) according to the recommendations of the producer. The resulting fragment of 1116 base pairs was inserted into the Bluescript vector (Bluescript SK(-), Stratagene). A 600 base pairs long HindIII/Stul fragment, corresponding to the 5' half the 1116 base pairs long PCR fragment, was used for the screening of a Lamda cDNA library from human fetal brain (Human Fetal Brain 5'-STRETCH PLUS cDNA library; Lambda gt10; cat. no. HL 3003 a; Clontech). 2x10⁶ Lambda plaques were screened under high stringent conditions (Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989) by means of a radioactively labeled PCR fragment, and 23 positive clones were found and isolated.

From the positive Lambda gt10 clones the corresponding cDNA fragments were excised with *Eco*RI and inserted into a Bluescript vector (Bluescript KS(+), Stratagene). The sequencing was carried out by means of the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA <u>77</u>, pages 2163-2167, 1977), using a commercial sequencing kit (SequiTherm long-read cycle sequencing kit-LC; Epicentre Technologies, Madison, WI) and Bluescript-specific primers.

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In an alternative sequencing strategy, the cDNA fragments of the positive Lambda gt10 clones were PCR amplified using Lambda-specific primers. The sequencing was

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carried out as described above.

The computerized analysis of the sequences was performed by means of the program package GCG (version 8.1, Unix; Silicon Graphics Inc.).

In this way the nucleotide sequence over the full length of the cDNA of 3350 base pairs was obtained. With the described procedure for PCR cloning it is possible to find and to isolate also variant forms of the compounds of the formulas I or II, as for example their alleles or their splice variants. The described procedure for the screening of a cDNA library allows also the discovery and the isolation of compounds which hybridize under stringent conditions with the coding sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II.

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<u>Visualization of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II by</u> <u>means of antibodies</u>

The more than 60 amino acids long proline-rich, basic segment at the amino terminus of the coded sequence of the compounds of the formulas I or II is well suited for the production of antibodies by means of synthesizing peptides and using them for immunization. We have selected two peptide sequences with a length of 19 and 13 amino acids from the proline-rich, basic segment at the amino terminus of the coded sequence of the compound of the formula II for the generation of antibodies. The peptides had the following sequences:

Peptide 1: H,N-SRS PLH RPH PSP PRS QX-CONH,

Peptide 2: H,N-LPS SRR PPR TPR F-COOH

The two peptides were synthesized chemically, coupled to a macromolecular carrier (Keyhole Limpet Hemacyanin), and injected into 2 rabbits for immunization. The resulting antisera exhibit a high antibody titer and could successfully be used both for the identification of native neurotrypsin in brain extract of the mouse and for the identification of recombinant neurotrypsin. The employed procedure for the generation of antibodies can also be used for the generation of antibodies against the coded sequence of the compound of the formula I.

The resulting antibodies against the partial sequences of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II can be used for the detection and the isolation of variant forms of the compounds of the formulas I or II, as for example alleles or splice variants. Such antibodies can also be used for the detection and isolation of gene technologically generated variants of the compounds of the formulas I or II.

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Purification of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II

Besides conventional chromatographic methods, as for example ion exchange chromatography, the purification of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II can also be achieved using two affinity chromatographic purification procedures. One affinity chromatographic purification procedure is based on the availability of antibodies. By coupling the antibodies on a chromatographic matrix, a purification procedure results, in which a very high degree of purity of the corresponding compound can be achieved in one step.

Another important feature that can be used for the purification of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II is the proline-rich, basic segment at the amino terminus. It may be expected that, due to the high density of positive charges, this segment mediates the binding of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II to heparin and heparin-like affinity matrices. This principle allows also the isolation, or at least the enrichment, of variant forms of the coded sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II, as for example their alleles or splice variants. Likewise the heparin affinity chromatography can be used for the isolation, or at least the enrichment, of species-homologous proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II.

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Industrial Applicability

The coding sequences of the formulas I and II can be used for the production of the coded proteins or parts thereof of the formulas I and II. The production of the coded proteins can be achieved in procaryotic or eucaryotic expression systems.

The gene expression pattern of the inventive compounds in the brain is extremely interesting, because these molecules are expressed in the adult nervous system predominantly in neurons of those regions that are thought to play an important role in learning and memory functions. Together with the recently found evidence for a role of extracellular proteases in neural plasticity, the expression pattern allows the assumption that the proteolytic activity of neurotrypsin has a role in structural reorganizations in connection with learning and memory operations, for example operations which are involved in the processing and storage of learned behaviors, learned emotions, or memory contents. The inventive compounds may, thus, represent a target for pharmaceutical intervention in malfunctions of the brain.

The gene expression pattern of the inventive compounds in the cerebral cortex (especially layers V and VI) is extremely interesting, because a reduction of the cellular differentiation in the cerebral cortex has been found to be associated with schizophrenia. The inventive compounds may, thus, be a target for pharmaceutical intervention in schizophrenia and related psychiatric diseases.

The coding sequences of the inventive compounds have been found to be increased in the neurons located adjacent to the damaged tissue of a focal ischemic stroke, indicating that the inventive compounds play a role in the tissue reaction in the injured cerebral tissue. The inventive compounds may, thus, represent a target for pharmaceutical intervention after ischemic stroke and other forms of neural tissue damage.

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Tissue-type plasminogen activator, a serine protease related to the inventive compounds, has recently been found to be involved in excitotoxicity-mediated neuronal cell death. A similar function is conceivable for the inventive compounds and, thus, the inventive compounds represent a possible target for a pharmacological intervention in diseases in which cell death occurs.

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The gene expression pattern of the inventive compounds in the spinal cord and in the sensory ganglia is interesting, because these molecules are expressed in the adult nervous system in neurons of those brain regions that are thought to play a role in the processing of pain, as well as in the pathogenesis of pathological pain. The inventive compounds may, thus, be a target for pharmaceutical intervention in pathological pain.

In the following part statements concerning the compounds of the formulas I or II are given:

(1)	INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPOUND OF THE FORMULA I
	(Neurotrypsin of the human)

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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- (A) LENGTH: 3350 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
- 15 (A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens
 - (D) DEVELOPMENT STAGE: fetal
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: brain
 - (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

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- (A) LIBRARY: human fetal brain 5'-stretch plus cDNA library in the lambda gt10 vector; catalog No. HL 3003a; Clontech, Palo Alto, CA, USA.
- (B) CLONE: cDNA Clone No.: 3-1, 3-2, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12
- (ix) FEATURE:
- 30 (A) NAME/KEY: Signal peptide
 - (B) LOCATION: 44 .. 103

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: mature peptide
- (B) LOCATION: 104 .. 2668

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: coding sequence
- 10 (B) LOCATION: 44 .. 2668
 - (ix) FEATURE:
- 15 (A) NAME/KEY: Proline-rich, basic segment
 - (B) LOCATION: 104 .. 319
 - (ix) FEATURE:

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- (A) NAME/KEY: Kringle domain
- (B) LOCATION: 320 .. 538
- 25 (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 1
 - (B) LOCATION: 551 .. 856

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- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 2
- (B) LOCATION: 881 .. 1186

- (ix) FEATURE:(A) NAME/KEY(B) LOCATION
- (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 3
- (B) LOCATION: 1202 .. 1504
 - (ix) FEATURE:
- 10 (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 4
 - (B) LOCATION: 1541 .. 1846
 - (ix) FEATURE:

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- (A) NAME/KEY: proteolytic domain
- (B) LOCATION: 1898 .. 2668
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 - (A) NAME/KEY: histidine of the catalytic triade
 - (B) LOCATION: 2069 2071

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- (ix) FEATURE:
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- (B) LOCATION: 2219 2221

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: serine of the catalytic triade
- 35 (B) LOCATION: 2516 .. 2518

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- 5 (A) NAME/KEY: polyA signal
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- (A) NAME/KEY: polyA signal
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 - (A) NAME/KEY: polyA signal
 - (B) LOCATION: 3215 .. 3220

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- (ix) FEATURE:
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- (B) LOCATION: 2669 .. 3350

- (ix) FEATURE
- (A) NAME/KEY: 5'UTR
- 30 (B) LOCATION: 1 .. 43

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Compound of the formula I (neurotrypsin of the human)

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		CTG Leu														823
		ATG Met														871
		ATC Ile														919
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		ATG Met														1111
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	TGG Trp 450															1495
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CGGTACC	СТТ	TACTACACTC	ATGAGTGGCA	TATTTATGCT	TAGGTCTTTT	CAAAAGACTT	3120
GACAAGA	AAT	CTTCATATTC	TCTGTAGCCT	TTGTCAAGTG	AGGAAATCAG	TGGTTAAAGA	3180
ATTCCAC'	TAT	AAACTTTTAG	GCCTGAATAG	GAGTAGTAAA	GCCTCAAGGA	CATCTGCCTG	3240
TCACAAT	ATA	TTCTCAAAGT	GATCTGATAT	TTGGAAACAA	GTATCCTTGT	TGAGTACCAA	3300
GTGCTAC	AGA	AACCATAAGA	TAAAAATACT	TTCTACCTAC	AGCGTGCCCG		3350

(1)	INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPOUND OF THE FORMULA II	(Neurotrypsin
of the	e mouse)	

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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- (A) LENGTH: 2376 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA to mRNA
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
- 15 (A) ORGANISM: Mus musculus
 - (D) DEVELOPMENT STAGE: postnatal day 10
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: brain
 - (G) CELL TYPE: neurons
- 20 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:
 - (A) LIBRARY: mouse brain cDNA library in the lambda Uni-ZAP-XR vector, oligo

(dT)-primed, from Balb c mice, postnatal day 20,

Cat. No.. 937 319; Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA

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- (B) CLONE: cDNA clone no. 16
- (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

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(A) LIBRARY: mouse brain cDNA library in the Lambda gt10 vector,

oligo(dT)- and random-primed, embryonic day 15, Cat. No. ML 3002a; Clontech, Palo Alto, CA, USA

35 (B) CLONE: cDNA clone #25

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: signal peptide
- 5 (B) LOCATION: 24 .. 86
 - (ix) FEATURE:
- 10 (A) NAME/KEY: mature peptide
 - (B) LOCATION: 87 .. 2306
 - (ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: coding sequence
- (B) LOCATION: 24 .. 2306
- 20 (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: proline-rich, basic segment
 - (B) LOCATION: 90 .. 275

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- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: Kringle domain
- (B) LOCATION: 276 .. 494

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 1
- 35 (B) LOCATION: 519 .. 824

- (ix) FEATURE:
- 5 (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 2
 - (B) LOCATION: 840 .. 1142
 - (ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: SRCR domain 3
- (B) LOCATION: 1179 .. 1484
- 15 (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: proteolytic domain
 - (B) LOCATION: 1536 .. 2306

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- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: histidine of the catalytic triade
- (B) LOCATION: 1707 .. 1709

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: aspartic acid of the catalytic triade
- 30 (B) LOCATION: 1857 .. 1859
 - (ix) FEATURE:
- 35 (A) NAME/KEY: serine of the catalytic triade

- (B) LOCATION: 2154 .. 2156
- (ix) FEATURE:
- 5 (A) NAME/KEY:polyA signal
 - (B) LOCATION: 2324 .. 2329 and 2331 .. 2336
 - (ix) FEATURE:
- 10 (A) NAME/KEY: polyA segment
 - (B) LOCATION: 2357 .. 2376
 - (ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: 3'UTR
- (B) LOCATION: 2307 .. 2341 or 2307 .. 2356

- (ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: 5'UTR
- (B) LOCATION: 1 .. 23

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Coumpound of the formula II (neurotrypsin of the mouse)

GGAC	CACA	ACT (CGGCG	SCCGC	A GO			a Le					il Le		CT GTG La Val	53
										GCT Ala						101
										CCG Pro						149
										AGG Arg						197
										CCG Pro						245
										TGC Cys						293
										TGT Cys 80						341
										GCC Ala						389
										CCG Pro						437
Pro	Trp	Cys 120	Phe	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Ala 125	Gln	Gly	AAA Lys	Val	Asp 130	Trp	Gly	Tyr	485
Cys	Asp 135	Cys	Gly	Gln	Gly	Pro 140	Ala	Leu	Pro	GTC Val	Ile 145	Arg	Leu	Val	Gly	533
Gly 150	Asn	Ser	Gly	His	Glu 155	Gly	Arg	Val	Glu	CTG Leu 160	Tyr	His	Ala	Gly	Gln 165	581
										AAT Asn					Val	629
				Leu					Ile	GCC Ala						677

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A CAT A His								725
ACC Thr 215								773
GAA Glu								821
CTA Leu								869
GGT Gly								917
GAT Asp								965
TTT Phe 295								1013
AGG Arg								1061
TTC Phe								1109
'AGA Arg								1157
CTT Leu								1205
GAA Glu 375								1253
GAT Asp								1301
GJY GGC								1349
GGA Gly								1397

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				CAA Gln				1445
				ATC Ile				1493
				ATG Met				1541
				CGG Arg 495				1589
				GCT Ala				1637
				GGA Gly				1685
				TTC Phe				1733
				GAT Asp				1781
 	 _			CAA Gln 575				1829
				GAC Asp				1877
				CTA Leu				1925
				CCA Pro				1973
				GGT Gly				2021
				CCC Pro 655				2069
				ATG Met				2117

	GAA Glu															2165
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	TGG Trp															2261
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	GTC															2306
Arg	Val	Pro	Ala	730	Val	Pro	Trp	Ile	Lys 735	Ser	Val	Thr	Ser	Leu 740		
TAAC	CTTAT	rgg <i>i</i>	AAAGO	CTCA	AG AA	ATA	TAAZ	A AC	GTA	ACTA	TTC	AGTCT	TTC A	AAAA	AAAAA	2366
AAA	XAAA/	AAA														2376

Patent claims

- 1. Neurotrypsins of the formulas I and II
 - 1: neurotrypsin of the human
 - II: neurotrypsin of the mouse
- 2. Neurotrypsin according to claim 1, characterized in that the compounds of the formulas I or II comprise the separate, coding nucleotide sequences and the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II.
- 3. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the production of recombinant proteins.
 - 4. Use of proteins with the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the inhibition or the enhancement of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the formulas I or II.
- 5. Use of the species-homologous proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the enhancement or the inhibition of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the formulas I or II.
- 6. Use of the proteins with the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the spatial structure determination, for example the spatial structure determination by means of crystallography or nuclear resonance spectroscopy.

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- 7. Use of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the prediction of the protein structure by means of computerized protein structure prediction methods.
- 8. Use of the spatial structure of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as targets for the development of pharmaceutical drugs, for example for the inhibition or the enhancement of the catalytic activity of the coded proteins of the compounds of the formulas I or II.
- 9. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II in gene therapeutical applications in humans and in animals, as for example as parts of gene therapy vectors or as for example as parts of artificial chromosomes.
- 10. Use of the compounds of the formulas I or II for so-called cell engineering applications for the production of gene technologically mutated cells, which produce the coded sequences.
- 11. Use of the coded amino acid sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II as antigens for the production of antibodies, as for example antibodies that inhibit or promote the protease function or antibodies that can be used for immunohistochemical studies.
- 12. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II

 for the production of transgenic animals, as for example transgenic mice
 - 13. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the inactivation or the mutation of the corresponding gene by means of gene

targeting techniques, as for example the elimination of the gene in the mouse through homologous recombination

- 14. Use of the compounds of the formulas I or II for the diagnostics of disorders in the gene corresponding to the compound of the formula I.
- 15. Use of the coding nucleotide sequences of the compounds of the formulas I or II

 as a starting sequence for gene technological modifications aimed at the production of pharmaceutical compositions or gene therapy vectors which exhibit changed properties as compared with the corresponding pharmaceutical compositions or gene therapy vectors containing the coding nucleotide sequence of the compounds of formulas I or II, for example changed proteolytic activity, changed proteolytic specificity, or changed pharmacokinetic characteristics.

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